



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Centralia Mining West Field Exploration Forest Practices Application No. 2910430_. This is a SEPA for 13 test holes for coal exploration

- Temporary skid trails will be used for 2-3 days for drilling operations. Once drilling operations are complete, the fill will be pulled back and trails will be water-barred and grass seeded. The temporary skid trails will be laid out to avoid water impacts as much as possible.
- Those streams that must be crossed will have temporary culverts installed. Silt fences, hay or mulch will be applied as necessary.
- All water used for the drilling process will be trucked or piped in to the drill pad and recycled throughout the process.
- Sediment delivery will be minimized by avoiding all potentially unstable slopes and keeping temporary skid trails to a maximum of 20% grade.
- All skid trails have been predetermined to limit amount of impacts to riparian areas.
- There will be some noise associated with the construction of the temporary skid trails and drill pads. Each drill site should be occupied for less than 3 days.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Township 14 North, Range 1 West, W.M., approximately 4 east of Centralia. The area is accessed by the Little Hanford County road and closed DNR access roads in Lewis County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 7, 2004. Comments must be submitted by September 21, 2004.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.